CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	☐ F	orce	☐ Discourt.	U.S.
Matthew Campos		Squad #16	201704786	☑ A	buse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	1	Pre	cinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Wednesday, 06/14/2017 11:00	AM	§ 87(2)(b) Stationhouse	113th Precinct	1	113	12/14/2018	12/14/2018
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. An officer			113 DET				
2. POM Derek Wilkins	14363	943955	113 PCT				
3. POM Robert Morris	18322	930783	113 PCT				
4. DT3 Jessica Romance	03441	941641	113 DET				
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inve	estigator Recon	nmendation
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B.POM Robert Morris	Abuse: A	at ^{§ 87(2)(b)} Iorris damaged ^{§ 87(2)(b)}	in Queens, Police and §87(2)(b)	Office	s s		
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G.POM Robert Morris	Abuse: A Robert M	at ^{§ 87(2)(b)} forris seized ^{§ 87(2)(b)}	in Queens, Police s property.	Office	er		
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J.POM Derek Wilkins	Derek W	at the 113th Precinct star ilkins did not process start omplaint regarding offic	and § 87(2)				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
K.POM Robert Morris	Abuse: At the 113th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Robert Morris did not process \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) s complaint regarding officers.	

Case Summary

On June 14, 2017, \$87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB on behalf of himself and via telephone.

At approximately 11:00 AM on June 14, 2017, \$87(2)(6) was alone on the second floor of her and s home, § 87(2)(b) in Queens, when she heard a loud booming sound coming from the first floor of the building. § 87(2)(b) walked to the first floor to find that Police Officer Derek Wilkins and Police Officer Robert Morris of the 113th Precinct had broken into her front door, and where standing inside the home (Allegation A, B, C, and D). §87(2)(b) asked the officers what they were doing inside her home, and the officers accused her of breaking into the home. [807(2)[6] denied breaking into the home and informed the officers that she was a resident of the building. PO Wilkins informed \$37(2)(b) that the officers had to check if anyone was inside the home, and walked upstairs with PO Morris following (Allegation C and D, continued). Upstairs, the officers looked inside a bedroom and asked \$37(2) about her residency status. PO Morris entered the second floor restroom. When he emerged he stated that the home was falling apart and touched a hallway wall, causing a piece of the wall to fall off (Allegation E). PO Morris asked \$87(2)(b) for her identification, and she provided it to him. Before the officers left PO Wilkins stated, "We could arrest you right now, so I suggest you leave," to § 37(2)(5) (Allegation F). The officers left the home and spoke to two individuals outside, including a local community leader, § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) realized that PO Morris did not give her back her ID. called PO Morris back to her home and asked him for her ID, but PO Morris told her that he did not know what she was talking about. § 87(2)(b) was not given her ID back (Allegation G). § \$7(2)(b) called § \$7(2)(b) and informed him of what had just taken place. At approximately 3:00 PM that same day, §87(2)(b) and §87(2)(b) appeared at the 113th Precinct stationhouse and spoke to Detective Jessica Romance of the 113th Precinct Detective Squad and an unidentified officer. \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) informed Det. Romance and the unidentified officer that they wished to make a complaint. Det. Romance and the unidentified officer stated that they could not file a report until PO Wilkins and PO Morris were present. asked if he could file the complaint without the officers presence and Det. Romance and the unidentified officer stated that he could not (Allegation H and Allegation I). PO Wilkins and

This complaint is 126 days old. This case passed the 90 day benchmark because of delays in obtaining a follow up phone statement from the complainant.

PO Morris appeared at the stationhouse, and \$87(2)(b) informed them they he and \$87(2)(b) wanted to file a complaint. The officers told \$87(2)(b) that he could not file a complaint without proof of address, and a complaint was not generated (Allegation J and Allegation K).

An agency attorney was consulted for this case.

and § 87(2)(b) left the stationhouse.

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

• This case was unsuitable for mediation because of the property damage allegations and because \$87(2)(b) stated that she and \$87(2)(b) planned to file a lawsuit during her CCRB interview (Board Review 01).

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• On September 19, 2017, the Comptroller's Office confirmed that no Notice of Claim was
filed by or on behalf of \$87(2)(b) in regards to this incident (Board Review 02). \$87(2)(b)\$\s\$ 86(1)(3)(4)\s\$ 87(2)(c)
• § 87(2)(b);§§ 86(1)(3)(4);§ 87(2)(c)
Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories
• § 87(2)(b)
 This is \$37(2)(b) s first complaint with the CCRB (Board Review 06). PO Wilkins has been a member of service for 10 years. There is one previous allegation against PO Wilkins stemming from one prior complaint. There are no substantiated allegations against PO Wilkins. \$37(2)(g)
• PO Morris has been a member of service for 15 years. There are eight allegations against PO Morris stemming from six prior complaints. There are no substantiated allegations against PO Morris. [87(2)(g)]
Det. Romance has been a member of service for 11 years. There 16 allegations against Det. Romance stemming from five prior complaints. There are no substantiated allegations against Det. Romance. **STOTE** STOTE**
Potential Issues • PO Wilkins and PO Morris stated that they received a report of a break-in local neighborhood leader, \$87(2)(5) \$87(2)(5) \$87(2)(5) \$7(2)
<u>Findings and Recommendations</u> <u>Explanation of Subject Officer Identification</u>
and str(2)(b) alleged that they spoke to Det. Romance and an unidentified officer on the second floor of the 113 th Precinct stationhouse, and that the unidentified officer refused to process his and str(2)(b) s complaint (Allegation H). str(2)(b) and str(2)(b) both described the officer as a plainclothes officer on the second floor of the stationhouse. However, the

investigation was unable to identify the officer based on police documents, and none of the officers interviewed testified to the presence of a detective other than Det. Romance. Therefore this has been pleaded against an unidentified officer from the 113th Precinct Detective Squad.

in Queens, Police Officer

Allegation A—Abuse of Authority: At §87(2)(b)

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Allegation B—	-Abuse of Authority:	At § 87(2)(b)	in Queens, Police Office	<u>r</u>
	s damaged § 87(2)(b)	and § 87(2)(b)	s property.	
Allegation C—	-Abuse of Authority:	Police Officer De	erek Wilkins entered and searched	§ 87(2)
	in Queens.			
Allegation D—		Police Officer Ro	bert Morris entered and searched	§ 87(2)
	in Queens.			
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Morris entered	and searched the home	e (Board Review 0	tion at the time that PO Wilkins and 97). However, \$87(2)(5) provided ident (Board Review 08).	PO
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breaking into the home. The officers told \$37(2)(b) that the home was vacant, asked about her proof of residency, and then she searched for her proof of residency. The officers spoke to \$37(2)(b) as she walked up the stairs. The officers followed \$37(2)(b) into her room and her kitchen. PO Wilkins stated that he and his partners walked through the home to ensure that that there were no children inside the home and added that they followed \$37(2)(b) as she searched for proof of residency. Later that day at the \$113th Precinct stationhouse, PO Wilkins spoke to \$37(2)(b) who complained about damage to the door. PO Wilkins told \$37(2)(b) that the damage to their door was done previously, but that a report had been created so \$37(2)(b) could be compensated if he felt the officers damaged the door further (Board Review 09).

PO Morris' testimony was consistent with PO Wilkins' testimony regarding their previous knowledge of the home, and their relationship with the community as NCOs. PO Morris added that complaints they had received regarding [\$87(2)(b)] at community council and block association meetings included squatters and children smoking marijuana at the location, and community members had complained that the dilapidated house diminished the neighborhood's quality of life.

PO Morris stated that PO Wilkins knocked on the front door to the home, and that he possibly did too but he did not recall. PO Morris stated that PO Wilkins knocked on the door until the knocking caused the door to open. PO Morris stated that the door was already damaged, but that the knocking caused further damage and PO Wilkins later prepared a damage report. PO Morris also testified that he and PO Wilkins followed through her kitchen, living room area, and a bedroom upstairs as she searched for proof of address. PO Morris stated that the officers looked inside the rooms as they followed for proof of address. PO Morris stated that the officers looked inside the home. PO Morris added that the officers also looked inside the rooms of the home because it was dilapidated, and therefore it was a danger to anyone inside it (Board Review 10). PO Morris' memo book entry from the date of showed that he recorded that (Board Review 11).

sycolo provided a telephone statement to the CCRB. \$\frac{857(2)(0)}{27(2)}\$ could not recall the specific events of June 14, 2017; however, he stated that he knew the home on Anderson Road to be a vacant home, and as community leader he knew the home to be the source of many neighborhood safety complaints including complaints regarding minors entering the vacant home. \$\frac{857(2)(0)}{27(2)}\$ \$\frac{857(2)(0)}{27(2)}\$ could not recall if he called PO Wilkins on that date of incident, he added that he called PO Wilkins and PO Morris frequently and that he has called them about issues at \$\frac{857(2)(0)}{27(2)}\$ (Board Review 12).

In <u>Brigham City v. Stuart 547 U.S. 398</u>, the court established that officers could make a warrantless entry into a home if they have a reasonable basis for believing an occupant is seriously injured or imminently threatened with serious injury (Board Review 14).

PO Morris and PO Wilkins stated that they entered the home based on the call they had received from which led them to believe that there were children present in the home, and that the children were in danger based on the dilapidated state of the home. The officers also stated

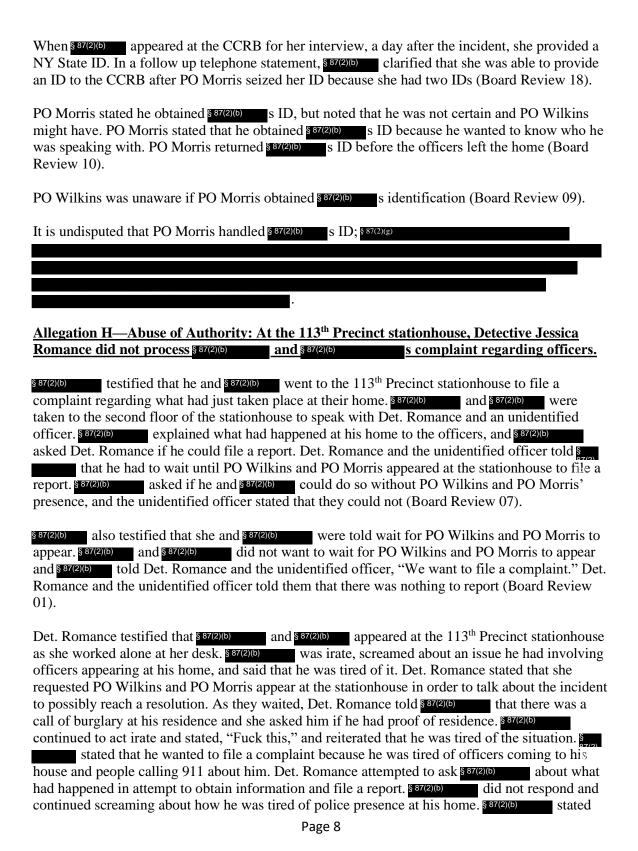
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that they were not certain of children inside the home, but were acting on the information received from \$ 87(2)(b) who was a known source of information regarding the community. The officers' subsequent search of the home was also based on the concern that children inside were in danger and after speaking to [8/87(2)(b) the officers began their search for the reported children. As Brigham City v. Stuart notes, officers can make warrantless entries in order to aid or prevent imminent serious injury, and the officers acted on information from a known source. For those reasons, the officers' reasons for the entry and subsequent search meet the standard held by and Brigham City v. Stuart. § 87(2)(g) Allegation E—Abuse of Authority: At § 87(2)(b) in Queens, Police Officer Robert Morris damaged § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) s property. testified that as PO Wilkins and PO Morris walked through her home, PO Morris entered the second floor restroom. When he exited the restroom, PO Morris stated that the home was falling apart and touched a wall that was in between \$87(2)(b) s room and the hallway. As a result of touching the wall, the wall was damaged and a piece of the wall came off. After the incident, \$27(2)(0) discovered that her toilet seat had been broken, and she determined that PO Morris had broken the toilet seat while he was inside her restroom because the toilet seat was not broken before he entered the restroom (Board Review 01). provided photos of the damaged wall (Board Review 15) and the damaged toilet seat (Board Review 16). \$87(2)(b) took the photos on the date of incident (Board Review 17). PO Morris denied damaging a toilet seat in the residence, and added that he did not he did not enter the restroom. During his CCRB interview, PO Morris was shown Photo 14 of the damaged toilet seat (Board Review 16). PO Morris denied causing the damage to the toilet seat. PO Morris denied damaging any wall inside the residence. PO Morris was shown Photo 9 of the damaged wall (Board Review 15). PO Morris denied having caused the damage in the photo. PO Morris added that the wall was made of plaster and that one would injure their hand if they attempted to damage that kind of wall (Board Review 10). PO Wilkins denied that PO Morris damaged anything inside the residence. During his CCRB interview, PO Wilkins was shown Photo 9 (Board Review 15) and added that many parts of the home resembled the photo, as a result of its dilapidated state (Board Review 09).

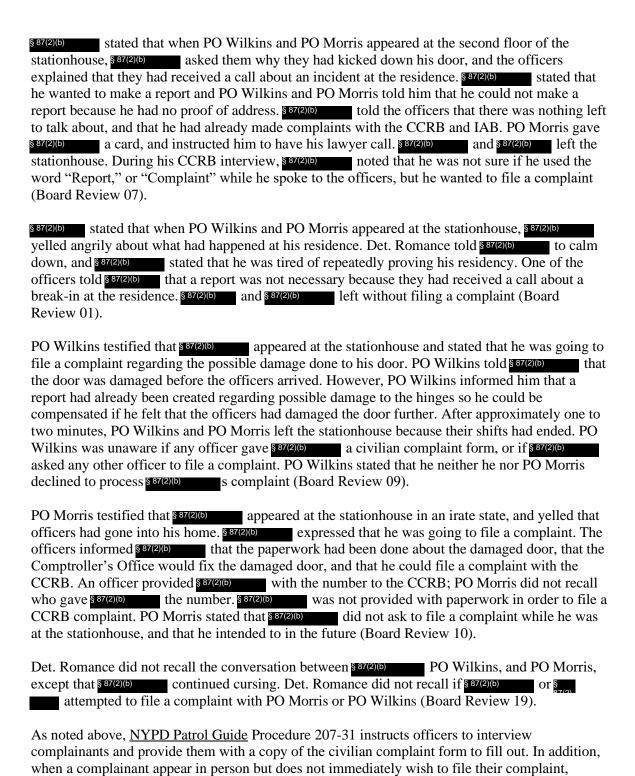
Allegation F—Abuse of Authority: At \$87(2)(b) in Queens, Police Officer
Derek Wilkins threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)

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testified that when the officers entered her home, they accused her of breaking into the home and told her that she did not live at the residence. \$87(2)(b) stated that she did, and the officers asked her for proof of address. PO Wilkins told \$87(2)(b) that the home was vacant, and that she should not live there. PO Wilkins then added, "We could arrest you right now, so I suggest you leave" (Board Review 01).
PO Wilkins denied stating, "We could arrest you right now, so I suggest you leave" to However, PO Wilkins testified that he and PO Morris informed for that she needed to provide documentation that she was a resident of the home, or that she had reason to be inside the home. Otherwise, she was subject to arrest when the owner or the bank discovers her presence and has her evicted, or informs officers that she was trespassing. PO Wilkins stated that he and PO Morris informed that if she was trespassing, it was in her best interest to obtain her residency documentation, or otherwise she should leave the residence. PO Wilkins stated that both he and PO Morris were speaking to 887(2)(6) and neither was taking the lead. PO Wilkins also noted that there was nothing he could to remove someone from a home (Board Review 09).
PO Morris denied that PO Wilkins stated, "We could arrest you right now, so I suggest you leave." PO Morris added that he informed \$87(2)(6) that she eventually could and would be placed under arrest for being in a vacant home. PO Morris stated that PO Wilkins did not instruct to leave at any point. PO Morris also added that \$87(2)(6) could not be arrested during the incident, because the officers did not receive a complaint from the owning bank or the management company responsible for the residence (Board Review 10).
It is undisputed that the topic of arrest was discussed between \$87(2)(b) and the officers. \$87(2)(g)
Allegation G—Abuse of Authority: At \$87(2)(b) in Queens, Police Officer Robert Morris seized \$87(2)(b) s property.
testified that PO Morris asked her for her identification, which she provided. When the officers left her home, save that PO Morris had not given back her ID. save that PO Morris was still outside the home, and told him that he had not returned her ID. PO Morris stated that he did not know what she was talking about in regards to her ID. save was not given her ID back, and the officers left the incident location (Board Review 01).



Allegation J—Abuse of Authority: At the 113 th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Derek Wilkins did not process \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) s complaint regarding officers. Allegation K—Abuse of Authority: At the 113 th Precinct stationhouse, Police Officer Robert Morris did not process \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) s complaint regarding officers.
§ 87(2)(g)
PO Wilkins did not recall if the civilians spoke to any detectives (Board Review 09) and PO Morris only recalled that they spoke Det. Romance (Board Review 10).
Det. Romance testified that she was working alone on the second floor of the 113 th Precinct stationhouse. Det. Romance did not recall if \$87(2)(6) spoke to any officer other than herself, PO Wilkins, and PO Morris (Board Review 19).
ser(2)(b) and ser(2)(b) both testified that when they attempted to file a complaint with Det. Romance, an unidentified officer was present on the second floor with her. The unidentified officer also refused to process their complaint (Board Review 01 and Board Review 07).
Allegation I—Abuse of Authority: An officer did not process \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) s complaint regarding officers at the 113 th Precinct stationhouse.
Additionally, Det. Romance did not provide \$87(2)(b) with an civilian complaint form, as instructed by NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 207-31, despite her awareness that \$87(2)(b) and intended to file a complaint and the fact that she had details of the complaint.
§ 87(2)(g), § 87(2)(b)
NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 207-31 instructs officers on how to record and initiate complaints from civilians alleging misconduct by uniformed members of the service. The procedure instructs officers to interview complainants and provide them with a civilian complaint form when they make complaints in person at an NYPD facility (Board Review 20).
that he was not going to speak with the officers, he cursed, stated that he going to call his lawyer, and he and \$87(2)(6) left the stationhouse. Det. Romance did not recall if any officer told \$27(2)(6) that he could not file a complaint. Det. Romance stated that \$87(2)(6) did not speak while she and \$87(2)(6) were at the stationhouse, and she did not recall if \$87(2)(6) stated that she and \$87(2)(6) wanted to file a complaint (Board Review 19).



officers are instructed to provide the complainant with a copy of a civilian complaint report,

Squad:

Investigator:
Signature
Print
Date

Squad Leader:
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advise them regarding where to make a complaint, and provide the number to the CCRB (Board

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Reviewer:

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